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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Tuan Ho

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Responsive to communication(s) filed on Sep 20, 1999

This action is FINAL.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle 35 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claim

Claim(s) 1-15 and 37-42 is/are pending in the application.
Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

Claim(s) 1-15 and 37-42 is/are rejected.

Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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1. The request filed on 9/20/99 for a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) based on parent Application No. 08/735,705 is acceptable and a CPA has been established. An action on the CPA follows.
2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-15 and 37-42 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-15 and 37-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuba et al '072.

With regard to claim 1, Kuba et al discloses in Fig. 83, a recording and reproducing apparatus which comprises the same capturing device (external input, col. 36, lines 15+, col. 37, lines 64+ and col. 38, lines 1-9), manager device (system control 72, col. 38, line 13 and col. 39, line 7+), data cell (col. 40, lines 3+ and Fig. 87), and processing device as claimed (system control 72 and reproduction circuit 72, col. 38, line 13).

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Kuba does not explicitly disclose any parallel processing which processes image data in the data cell while capturing additional data. However, parallel processing is old and well known in the art for processing different data at the same time so as to speed up the process without waiting for one task to be finished (Official Notice is taken for the parallel process).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, to modify the system control 72 of Kuba et al so as to process the image data in the cell while taking additional data from the image sensor. This is because the parallel process would allow a user to speed up the process of taking consecutive pictures.

With regard to claim 2, Kuba et al discloses in Fig. 83, a recording and reproducing apparatus which comprises the same manager device (col. 2, line 21+).

With regard to claims 3 and 4, Kuba et al discloses in Fig. 83, a recording and reproducing apparatus which comprises the same manager device (col. 47, line 21+).

With regard to claim 5, Kuba et al discloses in Fig. 83, a recording and reproducing apparatus which comprises the same manager device (col. 47, line 21+).

Claims 6-15 recite what was previously discussed with respect to claims 1-5.

With regard to claims 37, 39 and 41, Kuba et al discloses in Fig. 83, a recording and reproducing apparatus which comprises the same capturing device (col. 38, line 29+).

With regard to claim 38, 40 and 42, Kuba et al discloses in Fig. 83, a recording and reproducing apparatus which comprises the same compressing the image data (col. 38, line 29+).

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4. This action is not made Final since a new ground of rejection.

5. **Any response to this action should be mailed to:**

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan Ho whose telephone number is (703) 305-4943. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:00 to 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wendy Garber, can be reached on (703) 305-4929.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

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